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Also Guilty

INVESTIGATION shows that sharing guilt with the Mellon family in Alcoa scandals (see wide column) are the Duke family (tobacco and utilities) and Davis family. The three own 58% of the stock of Aluminum Ltd, Canada.

Alcoa controls 90% of the bauxite from which aluminum is made. Jan 1941 US Gov't suit charged that Alcoa conspired with I G Farben Industrie, German corporation. Alcoa's 1939 earnings were twice total capital invested by stockholders (says US Week); Alcoa's 1940 profits were \$44,146,297, 20% over 1939, and equivalent to a profit of \$1,028 on each employee. When Alcoa workers struck last month in Cleveland they were accused by newspapers of sabotaging national defense.

The Mellon Family holds 35.2% common, 25% preferred in Alcoa, value \$72,000,000, the largest block in existence; owns 70% common of Gulf Oil, worth \$241,000,000; 52% common and 82% preferred Koppers Ltd, \$40,000,000; 50.1% Pittsburgh Coal, 33.9% prf; owns 10.1% Pullman, largest block known; 8.6% Gen'l Am Transportation Corp; 5.4% common in Pittsburgh Plate Glass; also considerable part of Allis-Chalmers, Bethlehem Steel, Jones & Laughlin, Westinghouse, Brooklyn Union Gas, Niagara Hudson. (Source: Monopoly Investigation, Monograph 29, pages 124-26.)

Lloyds and Nazis

FEDERATED PRESS reports that despite bombings by RAF planes of Nazi industrial center Mannheim, the huge I G Farben plants have not been hit. Reason, according to Federated Press: chemical and powder concerns in that area are insured by Lloyds of London. Some time ago National Maritime Union organ The Pilot declared that the reason Italian cargo ships were not sunk by British was because of Lloyd insurance. Several readers have pointed out that marine insurance contracts are cancelled when war breaks out, that the relative security enjoyed by the Italian merchant marine is due to high politics of the sort which last week released a large cargo of US oil for the French Empire (naturally under Nazi domination) in North Africa.

US oil corporations own oil in Rumania. British, Dutch, other corporations divide Mosul oilfields. Although Mosul oilfields have variously been reported as bombed, spared or struck by Iraqi workers, Rumanian fields were bombed for the first time by Russian planes after Russia entered the war. The British censorship may be covering up World War II's biggest future scandal. "Friday" of July 11 reports "Royal Dutch Shell (British) made requests to British gov't that no RAF action be

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BEFORE presenting other evidence that the fall of France was not due to social gains of labor (40-hour week, 12% raise in pay, etc) but to the greed and fears of the 200 Ruling Families (the equivalent of the 200 ruling American families named in Monograph 29 of the O'Mahoney Monopoly Investigation), IN FACT presents herewith evidence of the part one American family played in aiding Hitler and harming France, Britain and the United States.

IN FACT has no desire to make a personal devil out of the Mellon Family of Pittsburgh. Their activities must be taken as typical of the handful of ruling families which in Britain is known as the Cliveden Set, in France as the Deux Cents Familles, the handful of families which controls Germany, Spain and other countries and which always subsidizes and pays for Fascist movements and uprisings. The Duke of Alba and Juan March, for example, bought and paid for the Franco uprising in Spain. In America the same group buys elections.

The Mellon Family with the DuPonts, Fords and Rockefellers, the Monopoly Report showed, hold stock worth \$1,400,000,000, controlling corporations worth \$8,000,000,000.

Mellons Aid Hitler at Expense of France, Britain

The three outstanding facts in the case of Mellon's Aluminum Co of America versus democracy are:

1) *Britain*: Aircraft production is still being held up owing to an acute shortage of aluminum. Britain produces bauxite from which aluminum is made, Germany has little bauxite. German never suffered shortage of aluminum, imported all the bauxite it needed, largely through a deal with Alliance Aluminum Co of France. Vice-president of AAC was found to be the Hon George Cunliffe, controller of aluminum of the British Ministry of Supplies.

2) *France*: Air Minister Pierre Cot, explaining failure of French defense due to greed of ruling families who vetoed defense appropriations and smuggled their millions abroad, said:

"Of course, when we did get an appropriation for airplanes, we came up against the aluminum bottleneck. We could not under any circumstances get the most vital metal for making airplanes. Germany got all she needed; France was denied aluminum. Who is to blame? The international aluminum cartel."

3) *United States*: "When the story of this war comes to be written, if it has to be written that it was lost, it may be because of the recalcitrance of the Aluminum Co of America," testified Sec'y of Interior Ickes before the Senate committee investigating defense.

In all three instances, Britain, France, USA, it was the same worldwide aluminum cartel, whose most powerful member is Alcoa, which hindered the defense of the democracies and permitted, for a price in dollars, the arming of Naziism.

You will find the truth about the Mellon family and the whole setup of 200 industrial families and 50 financial families which rule America (and similar little groups which own and rule Britain, Germany, France, etc) in the O'Mahoney TNEC Monopoly Investigation reports and a few books, not in your newspapers. The American press, TNEC's Monograph 26 charged, is the agent of the big families, and works against the general welfare of America, which means the general welfare of its readers.

Venal Press Defends Aluminum Co.

When Ickes made his sensational charge against Alcoa the leading newspaper in America, NY Times, buried it at the bottom of a little story on Page 13. It is true that its rival, the Herald Tribune, began its story on P 1, but immediately attacked Ickes editorially (July 3) saying he had made an "unwarranted attack upon the Aluminum Co." "There was no 'villain' behind the shortage of aluminum," adds this paper.

Ogden Reid, the owner of the Herald Tribune (with his sister Lady Ward of England) inherited \$16,000,000 in stocks and bonds, and was given even a larger

amount, making a total of about \$50,000,000. The Reids and the Mellons draw their money from the same sources.

Hearst, who owns 18 newspapers in as many big cities, is also owner of lead, gold and copper mines, huge ranches and food-producing estates. He was once worth \$220,000,000; is now tied up with Chase National, Giannini and other banks. His interests are the same as the Mellons'. June 4 his papers rushed to the defense of the Aluminum Co. "The Aluminum Co of America has been smeared as a 'monopoly'—which is a crime in business and a common practice in politics," the paid editorial writer for Hearst said; but "let's forget the general charge of monopoly . . . let's dig into . . . lack of aluminum for defense needs—there you'll find the whole shocking story of the lack of planning, not by Big Business, but by the Brass Hats in Washington."

The Brass Hats may be partly responsible; but the War Dep't does not advertise, and Alcoa does; the War Dep't does not issue stocks and bonds, but Alcoa does. Hearst as well as Ogden Reid and other big publishers naturally defend their fellow millionaires, the Mellon family.

The House of Representatives whitewash of Alcoa was signed by Representative Faddis (Dem). Mr Faddis comes from Eastern Pennsylvania, where the Mellon machine is strong.

How the Mellons Armed Hitler-Germany

While Mr Ickes was smeared as a sensationalist by the press (which he has consistently exposed as venal and money-grubbing) the facts accuse the Mellons of doing more for Hitlerism than any other person or corporation. The DuPonts, Pratt & Whitney, Curtiss-Wright, Sperry Gyroscope and many others supplied Hitler with airplanes, robot pilots, munitions (Nye Committee report, IN FACT, Oct 21 40). But it was the Mellons who made the German air fleet what it is today. The evidence is contained in the O'Mahoney report (TNEC), the Truman Senate Committee hearings, the Congressional Record for May 1941. (If your newspaper did not tell you this story, or hid it so you failed to read it, it is obvious that the usual big business system of news suppression is at work in your town.)

Here, for example, Senator LaFollette sums up the situation:

"In connection with the Anti-Trust Division action against the Aluminum Co of America I think facts have been revealed in that trial which should have the attention of the Congress . . . in order that this Nation may not find itself in a situation similar to that in which France found itself when subjected to the impact of monopolistic practices through a worldwide cartel which curtailed the aluminum available to her for her national defense.

"It has become commonplace to attribute the collapse of France to social legislation. However, Mr President, under the agreement entered into in the international aluminum cartel, France could not have obtained enough aluminum to build airplanes had she been ready and willing to do so. We, too, have been placed in a critical situation insofar as aluminum is concerned—not only aluminum for ordinary domestic purposes but aluminum for airplanes and for other vital instruments of national defense—because our Gov't has permitted a monopoly to exist in this country from the time a cheap method of manufacturing aluminum was discovered.

"Mr President, as a result of permitting this monopoly and its practices to exist, this country now faces a dangerous if not critical situation insofar as aluminum is concerned. The evidence disclosed (Alcoa trial, US Court NYC) that in 1931 Alcoa, the sole domestic producer of aluminum, combined with other world producers, including the German Aluminum Co, to curtail production, fix minimum world prices and divide the world markets.

"The evidence further disclosed that in 1934, after Hitler came into power in Germany, the German company used the cartel to tie the hands of every other world producer, while Germany doubled and finally tripled its own plant capacity. In 1934 the German company threatened to break the cartel unless it was permitted to produce unlimited quantities for domestic use. The other members agreed on the condition that the German company would purchase 1 lb of aluminum from the cartel for every pound it exported. This . . . satisfied the monopolistic objectives of the aluminum cartel. . . . It enabled the Germans to expand their capacity until they became the world's largest producers of aluminum and airplanes. The cartel, which was called the Alliance Aluminum Co, was organized in 1931 by Aluminum Ltd, a Canadian corporation created by Alcoa and headed by a younger brother of Arthur Davis, chairman of Alcoa."

According to testimony in the NY antitrust suit, before Germany smashed the cartel's restrictions the world was divided as follows: Aluminum Ltd 28%; French Aluminum Co 21%, Swiss 15%, British 15% and German 19%; Alcoa got the USA, and controlled the Canadian 28% of Aluminum Ltd.

Alcoa sold only in America. It obeyed the monopoly cartel's order not to fight for world trade. It produced little, kept prices in America high, paid huge dividends, made the Mellons richer than ever.

"The Alliance," continued LaFollette, "acquired all surplus stocks of aluminum on the world market . . . created a scarcity, which enabled it to control the price. At the beginning of each quarter the Alliance fixed an 'Alliance-buying-price'." The Mellons fixed the price at 17.2 cents and were protected from rivals by a 4-cent tariff. (This aluminum tariff of course bears out IN FACT's statements that in paying \$1,500,000 of the \$1,600,000 Republican deficit in the election of Harding, in supplying vast sums to local, state and national campaigns, the Mellons bought the presidency and were repaid with legislation.)

"After the Germans were released from the production restrictions in 1934," continued LaFollette, "their production expanded rapidly . . . outstripped Ameri-

taken against its Nazi-held Rumanian oilfields. In return it is said the Luftwaffe has refrained from attacking RDS oilfields in the Near East."

Brave Little Finland

IN 1939 at least 99% of the American press—perhaps 100% for we know of no exception—favored Finland and at least 80% printed fake news about the Russo-Finnish War as truth. There may have been three or four newspapers which told the facts: that the Mannerheim Line was constructed by Germans and British; that it was supervised by General Kirke of the British Army; that it cost more money than Finland had; that along with it, airplane bases for 2,000 planes were built although Finland had 150 planes and could not afford many more; that General Mannerheim, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, had murdered about 15,000 workers when he "restored order" 20 years ago; that Mannerheim, first hero of Finland, was a Fascist and that General Wallenius and others who were leading the nation, were Nazis and Fascists; that Germany and Britain planned to use Finland in a war against Russia.

In 1939 the present editor of IN FACT wrote that in 30 years of journalistic work he had never seen such wholesale lying as was then taking place in the American press regarding the Russo-Finnish war. The Associated Press, United Press, Hearst service, war correspondents, radio commentators, united in declaring that: civilians were ruthlessly massacred in air raids, hospitals were picked out and bombed, atrocities were committed. When the war ended the correspondents confessed they had not seen the war, had sent out only propaganda handouts. The Finnish president listed 470 civilians killed in months of air raids, whereas in 3-day Italo-German air raid on Barcelona (with few planes) there had been 28,000 casualties, more than 5,000 dead.

Most newspapers now keep silent about brave little Finland's joining with Hitler under fascist leadership. NY's PM in its July 4 war review said: "The fact that the Finnish Gen'l Staff was studded with German officers and that Gen Mannerheim was a leader of Finland's Fascists was forgotten."

Coughlin Seeks Fuehrer

ALTHOUGH Father Coughlin was called a purveyor of falsehood by the leading layman of the Catholic Church, Alfred E Smith Sr, and exposed as a dealer in falsehood by the leading liberal in the Catholic hierarchy, Monsignor John A Ryan (see his documentary exposé of Coughlin in Catholic weekly The Commonweal, Dec 30 38), Coughlin continues without interference from his Detroit bishop to preach fascism, anti-Semitism, hatred in America.

Coughlin's latest editorial in Social Justice calls for a Fuehrer, echoing the words of Lindbergh but with a more fascist accent. "The Christian Front," wrote Coughlin, "is looking for leadership in high places—leaders around whom the common people can assemble."

The Christian Front, which Coughlin once denied sponsoring, then boasted of founding, and now leads spiritually, was shown up as a streetfighting anti-Semitic hoodlum outfit in an FBI trial in NYC. Although there was no conviction, members admitted using guns in preparing for fascist revolution, using a picture of the President as target.

In dozens of issues of Social Justice Coughlin and other editors have lauded Hitler and Mussolini as great men with a great program which America should follow.

The Aviation Strike

THE wage dispute at North American Aviation which caused a strike and the President's use of Federal Troops—an action called Fascism by many labor leaders—has now been settled. The men asked a minimum of 75¢ an hour instead of 50¢, and a general boost of 10¢. The decision grants the 10¢, sets minimum at 60¢ with automatic rise of 5¢ each month until 75¢ is reached.

Enemies of labor insist workers were wrong because Mediation Board was considering the matter when they struck. Labor insists it had negotiated 6 weeks before striking and considered Board anti-labor, accused it of stalling. Fact: men voted 25 to 1 to strike.

North American stockholder sends IN FACT NA Aviation's latest proxy statement which reveals that Henry DuPont owns 2,000 shares, President Kindelberger 10,800 shares. Kindelberger got \$41,350 salary, VP Atwood \$23,533. Bonus for year, Kindelberger \$125,000 and Atwood \$55,000 under "incentive compensation plan." Others divided \$197,000. The company refused to raise wages to equal the industry's level.

Brave, Honest Newspapers

FREQUENTLY readers ask IN FACT why we do not praise those newspapers which do tell the truth. IN FACT has challenged its readers to produce the names of half-a-dozen papers outside St Louis Post-Dispatch and NY's PM which publish all cease, desist, fraud and other orders which Federal Trade Commission issues daily against advertisers, including Ford, Gen'l Motors, Sweetheart Soap, Goodyear, Goodrich, Sears Roebuck, the biggest cigaret companies, etc etc. Result to date: one report that Columbus Citizen sometimes uses these stories, naming names.

We can, however, sometimes point out the names of certain newspapers which compose the 1% or 2% which do not habitually suppress or falsify the news, especially news concerning the status quo, corporations, wealth, power and advertising.

The Akron Beacon-Journal and the St Louis Post-Dispatch, for example, show bravery and honesty in their editorial stand in the case of Mrs Ina Wood of Oklahoma who faces 10 years in jail, having been convicted of criminal syndicalism because she had in her home books which you can get in any library and which are studied by Oklahoma college students.

Mrs Wood, Alan Shaw, Eli Jaffe, face spending the best part of their lives in jail: political prisoners in America. They

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can production. While Alcoa and its Canadian affiliate were curtailing production . . . the Germans were expanding their capacity and building thousands of airplanes. The modern military airplane, including engine, contains about 80% aluminum by weight." The President's 50,000 airplane program would require 800,000,000 lbs of aluminum whereas production capacity in the US is 327,000,000. "Today our aluminum capacity is not sufficient to produce even 30,000 military airplanes, primarily because Alcoa, sole domestic producer, has pursued for 50 years a consistent policy of maintaining high prices and low production and capacity.

"Because of the monopolistic practices of this corporation, because of its determination that there should be no competition, because of its policy of high prices and low production and no competition, additional unnecessary dislocations of our economy are present today in our defense program." (Congressional Record, May 19, 1941, pp 4285, 4287-4290.)

(Note: When space allows, In Fact will print more facts about cause of French collapse, why American press, magazines, movies, falsified facts; and will name the forces and men responsible.)

New World War; Peace Aims; Where We Stand

(Editorial)

THOUSANDS of letters swamp IN FACT's office. Of the important ones I have set aside some 950 for answers, but it is an impossible task. Many readers want a weekly statement of editorial policy like the June 9 editorial (Restatement of Aims as America Enters the War). Hundreds ask where we stand on the new war, what America's peace aims should be.

So far as IN FACT is concerned it will continue as in the past to publish the news the press suppresses or distorts. That is its main function. It will continue to expose the American and British ruling class Fascists, the powers of wealth and corruption in all countries, because the press will not, dare not touch this subject. Its lifeblood, advertising money, is tied up with native Fascism.

Most readers want to know where I stand now. I do not think this matters much so far as IN FACT is concerned, because IN FACT's function continues to be the same. As for myself, here is my point of view as written for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which has asked a number of American writers to state their views on "The World We Want to Live in," and especially their peace aims. This is the theme of the Conference's Williamstown Institute of Human Relations, Williams College, Aug 24-29. Here is my contribution:

Economic Freedom for America

"First of all, and right now, today, even in time of war or war preparation, with the nation being drained of \$40,000,000,000 of its wealth, I want the three necessities of life supplied the people of America. I want enough food, shelter and clothing for everyone and especially for the 45,000,000 who haven't them.

"Eventually I want a world in which production will be for use and not for profit, at least the production of the essentials of life. Today I want the essentials supplied to everyone and I do not care very much how this is done. The government may go into the essential industries, it may distribute minimums free, it can supply at cost. It may do so by taxing those who can pay taxes, those who have wealth. Any nation which can draft men can draft wealth. Any nation which can control the lives of human beings can control factories, the natural resources, and use them for the general welfare of all the people.

"I believe that a country which can appropriate \$40,000,000,000 for war and contemplate spending \$100,000,000,000 or even double that amount, can also find the means for providing economic freedom and economic security for all its people.

"I believe that when we have taken care of the three essentials most of the work for peace in an ideal world will be done.

"I believe that wars will cease when there is economic security for all. I believe economic security is possible for all the people in all countries as well as all the essentials of a decent living. Spain today is still a rich country, its Rio Tinto and Pennaroya mines produce more millions of wealth than ever, but its people are starving because the few fascists who financed the Franco rebellion are becoming richer than ever and because a fascist policy prevents the millions from sharing in the natural wealth of the country.

"On the problem of the present war I will repeat what I wrote years ago: in a 1936 symposium in The Forum I advocated an oath for American youth saying 'I will never fight in a commercial war'; in 1938, after the fascist uprising in Spain I wrote for the League of American Writers, 'the only war in the world that is justifiable is a war against Fascism'; and this June to the newspaper PM I said 'when this war becomes a war between Democracy and Fascism I will volunteer my services.' The conclusion therefore is that the elimination of Fascism is the most essential point in an ideal peace program that will be the first step toward an ideal world.

"I use the term Fascism in its true meaning as given by its founder, Mussolini. Describing his 'philosophy' as illiberal, anti-liberal and anti-democratic, boasting that Fascism had 'passed and would not hesitate to pass once again over the more or less decomposed body of the Goddess of Liberty,' Mussolini gave as a synonym for Fascism the word Reaction.

"The moment we eliminate Reaction in the world we are on our way to an ideal. But 'the reactionaries,' said the philosopher John Dewey, 'are in possession of force, in not only the army and police but in the press and schools.' The reactionaries own, control and rule most of the world. They place profits above the general welfare. They are the makers of wars. To break the reactionaries in America and throughout the world should be the first peace aim of the American people."

PM's Washington Correspondent Interviews In Fact

The reader may recall that the newspaper PM listed me with Gen Wood, Lindbergh, isolationists and appeasers and said, "Seldes follows the left's Communist Party line." This falsehood has appeared in nondescript publications of no ethical standing. PM, having regard for the ethics of journalism, retracted this libel in a long interview with me. This was published June 1, almost a month before the Russo-German war began, and I hope all IN FACT subscribers will read the following extracts from PM carefully. (Questions were asked by Kenneth Crawford, Washington correspondent, and author of a most important book exposing national corruption—"The Pressure Boys," Messner, NYC, \$3.) Crawford naturally was trying to put me on the spot.

CRAWFORD: I gather . . . that you oppose the (FDR) foreign policy. . . .

SELDES: I disagree . . . because it leads to a defense of British Toryism, reaction, fascism . . . I am for British democracy and willing to volunteer and fight for it.

CRAWFORD: Since the only choice . . . seems to be a British victory and a German victory. . . .

SELDES: I prefer a British victory from the standpoint of democracy. . . . Even if the Cliveden Set rules Britain in the future, it would be less murderous than Nazi rulers.

CRAWFORD: What kind of peace would you expect to come out of . . . negotiation?

SELDES: If peace were negotiated now, it would be tantamount to a Hitler victory.

CRAWFORD: Do you believe Russia will be able to maintain her independence? . . . Won't Russia have to fight the Nazis eventually?

Nazi-Soviet War Predicted in June Interview

SELDES: I certainly believe that the next war will be between the Nazis and Russia. . . . I think that every move Russia has made since the war began was made to strengthen Russia for an eventual war against Fascism. . . .

I believe there are two kinds of pacifists and isolationists in this country. I believe there is one group of imperialists, big business men and other persons of wealth and power who for selfish reasons want to avoid involvement in any war. One reason is their fear of upsetting the social, economic and financial system in this country. I believe another group of exactly the same kind of people wants us all out for this war not to save democracy but to grab the trade of the world, to fortify the status quo, and for other selfish reasons. . . . Certainly some of these big money isolationists favor what you call a policy of tough continental imperialism as an alternative to involvement in the European war.

CRAWFORD: For yourself then, you favor intervention if it is the only alternative to hemispheric imperialism, but you don't believe the USA can be so organized that it needs no foreign trade?

SELDES: Yes. I favor intervention the moment this becomes a war of democracy versus Fascism."

During the interview Crawford asked what my politics were. I replied that they were best represented by the Frente Popular, the Popular Front coalition of Spain which from 1936 to 1939 fought the three leading Fascists, Franco, Mussolini and Hitler, and was betrayed by the British ruling class, Blum's Front Populaire of France, and the US State Department and Administration. There were 14,000,000 Spaniards behind the Loyalist lines of whom exactly 25,000 were Communists when the war began. Nevertheless an international campaign of falsehood using the red herring as its chief weapon helped to destroy the first coalition of all republican, democratic, anti-fascist forces in the common fight against the enemy of civilization.

I told Crawford I have never gotten over the Popular Front. I believed ever since 1936 that all nations and individuals having the welfare of human beings at heart must join in the fight against Fascism. I believe so more than ever now.

Serge Seldes



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have been branded reds. In this case any newspaper which tells the truth about them faces redbaiting; and if it defends them it faces hysteria. These two papers deserve praise. The P-D rightly blames Oklahoma KuKluxKlanism for this latest show of native fascism.

Friend of Mussolini

WHEN our first issues in 1940 announced we would expose native fascism as well as Hitler and Mussolini, we received an indignant letter from Max Singer asking to take his name off the subscription list.

Looking through newspaper files we came across the fact that in an Armistice Day oration, in Boston, Vice Commander Max Singer of Veterans of Foreign Wars, according to Boston Transcript, said: "We can do the work of Mussolini in this country."

Could this be IN FACT's Max Singer?

Restrict Monopoly

JEFFERSON (letter to Madison, Paris, Dec 20 1787, advocated): "a bill of rights providing clearly and without the aid of sophism, for freedom of religion, freedom of the press, protection against standing armies, restriction of monopolies. . . .

"Let me add, that a bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular; and what no just government can refuse or rest on inference."

Many Jeffersonians prefer to forget the reference to monopoly.

Newspapermen Act

ANNUAL convention of American Newspaper Guild, Detroit, unanimously adopted resolution urging US to drop its deportation threat against Harry Bridges, California CIO leader. While majority American newspapers rebait Bridges, many publish daily falsehoods against him, newspaper writers unanimously endorse labor leader.

Addressing convention Bridges said the FBI "is a super labor spy agency supplying employers with free service."

Almost all California commercial newspapers distorted the Bridges case. San Francisco Examiner ran headline "Bridges Witness Admits Frequent Lying," referring to Thomas Imper, whereas the only falsehood was in the Examiner headline. The news story, supposedly factual, unbiased, played up statement of gov't lawyer that Imper was "not a character witness but a character assassin." Truth is that judge ruled remark improper, ordered it stricken, gov't attorney apologized, withdrew it. All these facts Examiner suppressed. Examiner permitted Harry Lang, who hates Bridges, to cover the trial. Newspaper group covering trial agreed that Examiner story was "beneath anything the Examiner has done."

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